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SUBJECT: IRAQI REACTION TO DEPARTMENT'S LETTER ON INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM

1. IRAQ NEWS AGENCY HAS CARRIED ITEM ON STATEMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S LETTER TO SENATOR JAVITS ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. INA QUOTES THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN AS SAYING, "IRAQ, IN BACKING THE STRUGGLE OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE WHO HAVE BEEN THROWN INTO HOMELESSNESS BY THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT WITH U.S. SUPPORT, REJECTS HAVING THIS CONSIDERED AS A KIND OF TERRORISM AND REGRETS THE WAY IN WHICH THIS MATTER WAS RAISED." USINT OFFICER CALLED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS (HASSAN ANBARI) WHO CONFIRMED GENERAL THRUST OF INA STORY BUT SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK THE MINISTRY'S TEXT FOR EXACT WORDING AND CONTEXT. INA QUOTATION, WHICH IS FRONTPAGE NEWS IN ALL BAGHDAD DAILIES OF MAY 11, IS SUBJECT TO SLIGHTLY VARYING ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS, BUT USINT DOUBTS THAT INA WOULD TAKE LIBERTIES WITH A FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ON MATTERS OF THIS GRAVITY.

2. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY AL-JUMHURIYA GAVE PREVIEW OF
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IRAQI REACTION WITH UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN ITS MAY 10 EDITION. EDITORIAL ALLEGES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS TURNED TO A CAMPAIGN AGAINST TERRORISM FOLLOWING THE FAILURE OF HIS HUMAN RIGHTS' CAMPAIGN. EDITORIAL LABELED DEPARTMENT'S LETTER TO JAVITS AS A "TERRORISTIC STATEMENT" AND DISCRIBED IT AS A "VILE AND MEASLY PIECE OF THEATRICALS" CAST IN A TONE WHICH IS "INSOLENT

AND BOASTFUL." WHAT DEPARTMENT CALLS TERRORISM IS, ACCORDING TO EDITORIAL, SOMETHING ELSE ALTOGETHER. IT IS THE EFFORT BY PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE TO RECOVER ITS RIGHTS TO A HOMELAND AND TO RESIST CAPITULATIONIST SETTLEMENTS. IN ANOTHER CONTEXT, IT IS THE RESISTANCE OF AFRICAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO RACIST AND COLONIALIST REGIMES. THE USG ALLEGEDLY SUPPORTS THE REAL TERRORISTS, THE ZIONIST AND RACIST REGIMES. EDITORIAL ALSO DECRIES LAUNCHING BY USG OF TERRORIST WAR AGAINST THE ARAB BOYCOTT BY MEANS OF PENDING LEGISLATION AND SLAMS PRESIDENT CARTER FOR HIS PRACTICE OF THE "UGLIEST TYPES OF TERRORISM" BY HAVING A FINGER ON THE NUCLEAR TRIGGER.

3. USINT HAS ONLY SEEN NEWS SERVICE REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT'S LETTER TO JAVITS. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT BY CABLE.
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